

# What if: An entire signal brigade came to your hometown?

## The Old Soldier

Imagine for a moment, that you're in your hometown - can you envision what it would be like to have a five ton truck rolling across the farm land you so carefully prepared for planting, or have a group of soldiers billeted in the school gymnasium? How about a Corps Area Signal Center set up in the middle of the town ballfield, or convoys of heavy trucks rolling down your quiet street at 5:30 a.m.

The area we conduct our field exercises in is home to the German people - we set up radio rigs in their forest and park areas, drive heavy equipment through their beautiful and historic towns, run cables across their fertile farmlands, and otherwise disrupt their love of nature.

## Invasions

The German people are generally very tolerant of our periodic "invasions", but they do ask that we treat their property and their lives with respect.

As our next field exercise draws closer, we should all consider the problem of maneuver damage - or better yet - maneuver damage control.

There is no way the entire 22nd Signal Brigade can move in and out of an area without leaving some evidence of our

having been there. However, if we all do our part, that evidence will be minimized.

We should each imagine ourselves in our own hometowns, and add that extra measure of care as we select a route to move our truck through, or fall in for another "police call", or when we walk along with a candy wrapper in hand.

## Extra care

If each of us adds this extra bit of care, the only evidence of our presence will be the smiles on the faces of the residents, and we'll be able to roll back into garrison knowing we've done our part, small though it may be, towards improving the image of America in the eyes of the German people.



# Soldiers are encouraged "to get into life"

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A Europe-wide campaign is being promoted by Morale Support Activities to increase public awareness of the values of recreation and leisure in one's life, through recreation activities. It's slogan, "Life, be in it".

Local recreation centers offer a variety of activities to meet these needs. Tournaments, special interest groups (chess, D&D), pool and table tennis, variety bands and entertainment,

musical equipment, dinner theater, table games and travel logs are just a few of the activities.

The McNair Recreation Center now has an Information, Tour and Travel Office with information and tour brochures available. There are many inexpensive one day tours offered for the soldier and family members. Volksmarches with free transportation are provided on Sunday mornings. The Recreation Center is just one of many ways to help "get into life" and explore what it has to offer.